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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Appl. No. 09/849,781; Filed: May 4, 2001  
For: **Protein Chips for High Throughput Screening of Protein Activity**  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$450.00 to cover the two (2) month extension of time fee;
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) (PTO/SB/22);
3. Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b);
4. Revocation of Power of Attorney with New Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address;
5. Reply and Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111; and
6. One (1) return postcard.

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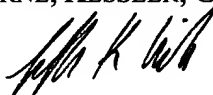
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